GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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EVALUATION OF DATA FROM BROADCASTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hire a panel of chartered accountancy firms to scrutinize and evaluate the various financial and technical data provided by the broadcasters, FM Radio companies and Direct to Home operators in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has recently changed the entry norms by upwardly reworking the net worth conditions for broadcasters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has floated a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a panel of chartered accountancy firms to scrutinize and evaluate various proposals relating to FM Radio companies, Direct to Home operators and applications of TV channels etc.

(c) & (d) Based on the TRAI recommendations, the Government had formulated a proposal for certain amendments in the Policy Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of TV channels issued in 2005 which were approved by the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 7th October 2011. The amended guidelines have been issued on 5th December 2011. The same are available on Ministry's website at www. mib.nic.in.